

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment received after final rejection.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,8,9,12,20 and 23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 3-27-2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Reasons for Allowance

Claim 4 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... wherein the information includes at least one of an ejecting amount of an ink, a mixing ratio of different color inks and information regarding a density level of an ink, corresponding to the kind of fabric..."

Claim 8 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, "... wherein the image processing means applies the first color converting processing based on the first color converting table stored in the memory and applies the converting processing based on the information stored in the memory.. wherein the memory stores the first color converting table for each kind of fabric."

Claim 9 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, "... wherein the image processing means applies the first color converting processing based on the first color converting table stored in the memory and applies the converting processing based on the information stored in the memory.. wherein the memory stores the second color converting table for each kind of fabric."

Claim 12 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, "... receiving means for receiving the first color converting table to apply the first color converting processing and the information to apply the converting

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processing in accordance with the kind of fabric wherein the image processing means applies the first color converting processing based on the first color converting table received by the receiving means and applies the converting processing based on the information received by the receiving means... wherein the at least one of the receiving by the receiving means and the transmitting by the transmitting means is conducted by using a public communication line.”

Claim 20 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, “... wherein the receiving means for receiving measured color data and the transmitting means for transmitting the determined ink spray.... wherein the at least one of the receiving by the receiving means and the transmitting by the transmitting means is conducted by using a public communication line.”

Claim 23 is allowed for the reason presented at page 4 of the office action mailed 07-29-04.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 703-305-4391. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams, can be reached on 703-305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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